



## P.S. 135Q: The Bellaire Magnet School of Exploration through the Arts

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### SLT

**January 13, 2026**

Attendance: D. Graf (principal), M. Ramlogan (assistant principal), D. Paternostro (teacher), A. Saitta (teacher), S. Bonetti (teacher), S. Jones (UFT Rep), S. Persaud (parent), R. Parvin (parent)

#### **New Member of SLT:**

- Ms. Andrea Saitta has joined the SLT. She will take on the Chairperson role.

#### **Feedback to CEP Goal 2 and Safety:**

- By June 2026 the school would like to decrease the number of Level 3 Infractions from 97 (Number in 2025) to 87. Level 3 Infractions refer to Disruptive Behaviors such as:
  - Defying or disobeying the lawful authority or directive of school personnel or school safety agents in a way that substantially disrupts the educational process or the teacher's authority and/or poses a danger to the school community,
  - Using slurs based upon actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, creed, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, weight, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability,
  - Shoving, pushing, or engaging in a minor altercation or similar physical confrontational behavior toward students or school personnel (e.g., pushing past another person), or throwing an object (e.g., chalk), or spitting at another person
  - Bringing unauthorized persons to school or allowing unauthorized visitors to enter school in violation of written school rules (Knowingly possessing property belonging to another without authorization).
- Many members expressed they felt the school would reach this goal due to the protocols that have been in place this school year.

#### **Budget:**

- For next year, the school was given the projection of 35 kids on the kindergarten level. This means the school will have to go down from 6 kindergarten classes to 2. However, Mrs. Graf has appealed to have 5 classes on the kindergarten level for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten enrollement is open and as of now, we have 27 kids enrolled from our Pre-K classes.



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### **Magnet Update:**

- The school was given 80,000 of the Magnet money that was owed. This money went to the salaries of our Magnet Coordinator and Magnet Specialist. However, we are still owed 110, 000.
- Magnet Monday has started and has been successful. This program was rolled out on the 4th grade level. Cluster teachers and administrators use 7th period on Mondays to run a club.
  - Cheer Squad: Mrs Evans
  - Dance and Performing Arts: Ms. Hilaire
  - Debate Club: Mrs. Graf
  - Behind the Scenes: Ms. Schliecher
  - Future Scientists Club: Dr. Ramlogan
  - Game Makes: Ms. Mitchell
  - Drama and Theater: Ms. Connor
  - Creative Writing: Ms. Tarello
  - Soccer Club: Mr. Nelmes/Mr. Conway
  - Book Clubs: Ms. Jones
  - ORFF: Mr. P

### **PTA News:**

- Upcoming events for PTA: Valentine's Day Dance and Teddy Grams.
- Next PTA meeting will be on Friday, January 16th at 8:30 am in person or online zoom.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2026 @ 2:30 pm in person

#### **Vision**

At P.S. 135, we nurture lifelong learners in a safe, supportive space, fostering independent problem solvers and a community where every student is valued and ready to thrive.

#### **Mission**

Our mission at P.S. 135, The Bellaire School, is to foster a safe and nurturing environment where every student feels empowered to take academic risks and explore their creativity through the arts.